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In re Application of:

Miao et al.

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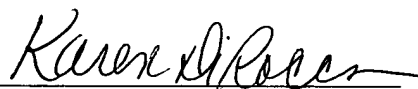
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 11, 2001, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

35. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising a *hedgehog* amino acid sequence which is at least 98 percent identical to either SEQ ID No: 17 or an N-terminal fragment of SEQ ID No: 17 having a molecular weight of about 19 kD, which